

MINUTES

UTAH RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS LICENSING BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2005

Room 428 – 4th Floor – 9:00 A.M.
Heber Wells Building

CONVENED: 9:00 A.M.

ADJOURNED: 10:50 A.M.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Noel Taxin
Karen McCall

Board Members Present:

Jacob (Jack) Fried
Gayle Morawetz
Georgine Bills, Chairperson
Anita Austin

Board Members Absent:

J. S. Roger Jones, MD

Guests:

Bill Stilling, Attorney, Parsons Behle and Latimer
Mrs. Troy Gotfredson and baby

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Introduction of Noel Taxin, Bureau Manager

Ms. Taxin was introduced to the Board. **Board members welcomed Ms. Taxin.**

Swearing in of Anita Austin as a Board Member

Ms. Taxin conducted the swearing in of Ms. Austin as a Board member. **The Board welcomed Ms. Austin.**

Read and approve the September 8, 2004 minutes.

Ms. Morawetz made a motion to approve the minutes as read.

Ms. Bills requested discussion prior to continuing with the motion.

Ms. Morawetz withdrew her motion.

Following discussion, Ms. Morawetz made a motion

to approve the minutes with a minor revision. Ms. Austin seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENTS:

9:30 A.M.

Troy Lee Gotfredson, Probationary Interview

Mr. Gotfredson met for his probationary interview.

Board members and staff were introduced.

Ms. Bills conducted the interview.

Mr. Gotfredson briefly explained the incident regarding his yes answers on the application Qualifying Questionnaire. Mr. Gotfredson reported that he has read the Stipulation and Order and does agree with a probationary license, being under supervision with the supervisor and therapist submitting monthly reports and fulfilling the remaining requirements in the Stipulation and Order.

The Board reviewed the Stipulation and Order with Mr. Gotfredson. Ms. Taxin asked Mr. Gotfredson to be sure the therapy reports includes a complete summary regarding issues the therapist is working on and the therapists recommendations. Ms. Austin made a motion for the Division to issue the probationary license. Mr. Fried seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NBRC Correspondence

The Board reviewed the following NBRC Correspondence:

1. New Admissions Policies for the Examination.
The Board noted the information. We are kind of rolling the clock back as it used to be students could apply prior to graduation. Jack – Most states will not allow you to practice without a license. NBRC will not release the scores until graduation. No one seemed to have any objections.

CAC News and Views

Ms. Bills requested permission to take this correspondence with her to review thoroughly at a later date. If there is something pertinent for the Board, Ms. Bills will report the information at the next scheduled Board meeting. **The Board concurred.**

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Board Chairperson

Ms. Morawetz made a motion for Ms. Bills to continue as Board chairperson. Mr. Fried seconded the motion. **The Board vote was unanimous.**

Law Change regarding AMA Education Requirement

Ms. Taxin reviewed the law with the Board and pointed out that 58-57-4 (2)(e) requirement for education is to have completed a respiratory care practitioner educational program that is approved by the board and is accredited by the American Medical Association (AMA). Ms. Taxin stated that the AMA is not an accrediting body for Respiratory Care. The current accrediting body is CoARC. Ms. Taxin stated that this would require a change to the law and normally the association would need to be contacted to draft the legislative language.

The Board requested Ms. Taxin to approach the Division regarding the change as it may fall into the category of housekeeping and not require the law to be opened.

Ms. Austin made a motion for the law to be corrected to reflect the current accrediting body. Mr. Fried seconded the motion. The Board vote was unanimous.

Ms. Taxin requested the Board to review the entire law and note any other editing items for the Board and the Division to review and report back to Ms. Taxin by October 12, 2005.

The Board agreed to review the law and report back to Ms. Taxin by October 12, 2005.

Legislative Issues

None at this time.

Ms. Austin

Ms. Austin requested the Board review the requirements to be licensed under 58-58-4(2)(d)

regarding the requirement of possessing a high school diploma or equivalent. Ms. Austin commented that many college students start taking courses prior to graduation from high school or the equivalent.

Ms. Bills reviewed the law and commented that the language in the law is: “possess a high school education or its equivalent, as determined by the division in collaboration with the board...”

Ms. Taxin suggested a clarification in the rules.

The Board requested Ms. Taxin to write a clarification in rules for the Board to review.

Mr. Fried

Mr. Fried commented on discussion at the Kansas City conference regarding major disasters and what would be required of licensees.

Mr. Fried stated that health professional would be needed in times of national disasters. In Louisiana the state licensing agency was wiped out. The Governor required licensees to produce a hard copy of their Louisiana license to assist with the disaster populations. In Mississippi, the Governor has allowed anyone who can produce a copy of their license to automatically be issued a Mississippi license.

Mr. Fried asked what Utah requirements would be for a major disaster. He then inquired if other countries licenses would be acceptable.

Ms. Taxin responded that the Division has discussed the issue. Ms. Taxin then asked the Board to prioritize who they believed should assist in a crises situation.

The Board responded that first would be U.S. licensees and then Canadian.

A question as to other countries came up and Ms. Taxin suggested that we first utilize U.S. licensees and then, depending on circumstances, use the other individuals due to the different requirements for licensure.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR:

None Scheduled at this time.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT:

10:50 A.M.

Date Approved

Chairperson, Utah Respiratory Care Practitioners
Licensing Board

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational &
Professional Licensing